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RE: ADM #2006-26

To Whom It May Concern:

I have read the proposed amendment to MCR 3.9121(B)(1)(g). The proposal would require the court to ensure service upon foster parents. I have read the comments submitted by Judge North who points out that the intent of the proposal is commendable, but that because the court is often not privy to knowledge of where children are placed, compliance would be impossible. Therefore, I concur in full with Judge North's comments and suggest that the proposal be redrafted.

Since the Department of Human Services is a party to all of the proceedings, and since they are the only party with certain knowledge of where the children are placed, I suggest that the court give consideration to imposing the burden of service upon the Department of Human Services or its counsel (most often the local Prosecuting Attorney's office).

Very truly


W. Wallace Kent, Jr.
Judge of Probate/Family Court

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